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1. [] SMA has never officially authorized the state governments in the Russian Zone to negotiate trade agreements. Nevertheless, the state governments do undertake barter exchanges with other zones with the tacit approval of local Russian authorities.

2. [] for example, [] Mecklenburg produces large quantities of chalk which it is able to dispose of freely, since the SMA-approved production plans do not mention chalk. Accordingly, the state government has exchanged chalk in the British Zone and Berlin for seed and other goods.

3. The state government can obtain other products for barter by using supplies which, according to SMA plan, are intended for the civilian population. Thus Mecklenburg has cut the liquor ration below the amount authorized by SMA and has bartered the spare schenaps in the Ruhr.

4. [] the government of Mecklenburg has also negotiated a contract with the Netherlands under which Mecklenburg canneries can Dutch vegetables and fruit and ship them back to the Netherlands and receive dehydrated potatoes in payment.

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